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Please amend Claims 1 – 9 as follows:

1. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A depilating apparatus (1)  
with a housing (2), which housing (2) is designed to accommodate a supply (10)  
of a depilating tape (11), which depilating tape (11) can be pulled away from the supply (10) and  
can then be applied to the skin of a person, and which depilating tape (11), after application to the  
skin of a person, adheres to the skin along an application length (L), and  
with application means (40) for applying the depilating tape (11) to the skin of a  
person, and  
with an opening (9) in the housing (2), which opening (9) is provided and  
designed for passing the depilating tape (11) through to the skin of a person, and  
with determination means (45) for determining the application length (L) along  
which the depilating tape (11) adheres to the skin of a person,  
wherein the determination means (45) are designed to determine different  
application lengths (L) as desired.
2. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A depilating apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the determination means (45) are equipped with a hand-operated control  
button (46) and with a blocking means (47) which interacts with the control button (46) on the  
one hand and with the supply (10) on the other, which control button (46) can be moved between  
a first position and a second position, and  
wherein, with the control button (46) in its first position, the blocking means (47)  
assumes a release position that enables a pulling away of depilating tape (11) from the supply  
(10), and  
wherein, with the control button (46) in its second position, the blocking means  
(47) assumes a blocking position blocking any pulling away of depilating tape (11) from the  
supply (10).
3. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A depilating apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 1,  
wherein the application means (40) comprise an application roller (40) which is arranged in the  
area of the opening (9) of the housing (2).

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4. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A depilating apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 3, wherein a cutting device (43) is provided, which cutting device (43) is arranged adjacent to the application roller (40) and is designed for cutting off the depilating tape (11) in an area of depilating tape (11), which area of depilating tape (11) has already passed the application roller (40).
5. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A depilating apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 2, wherein the supply (10) of depilating tape (11) is wound so as to form a supply spool (10) wound onto a supply reel (12), and wherein the blocking means (47) interacts with the supply reel (12).
6. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A depilating apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 5, wherein, in addition to the supply reel (12), a wind-up reel (60) is provided, which wind-up reel (60) is provided and designed for winding up depilating tape (11) that was previously adhering to the skin of a person.
7. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A depilating apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 6, wherein a motor (69), accommodated in the housing (2), is provided, and wherein a drive connection (74) is provided between the motor (69) and the wind-up reel (60), so that the wind-up reel (60) can be rotatably operated with the aid of the motor (69) to wind up depilating tape (11) which was previously adhering to the skin of a person.
8. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A depilating apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 7, wherein an interruptable drive connection (74) is provided as the drive connection (74) between the motor and the wind-up reel, and wherein means for interrupting the drive connection (74) are provided.
9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A depilating apparatus (1) as claimed in claim 8, wherein the means for interrupting the drive connection (74) comprise a hand-operated control button (46), through the actuation of which the drive means (74) can be interrupted.